

**State Board of Review Meeting  
National Register of Historic Places  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
State Historic Preservation Office**

***Minutes of the July 24, 2015, Meeting***

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Members Present**

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Dr. Louis Venters, Dr. Edward Lee, Dr. Millicent Brown

**Members Absent**

Dr. A. V. Huff, Dr. Carter Hudgins, Dr. Lydia Brandt, Ms. Amalia Leifeste.

**Call to Order**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Introduction and Recognition of Board Members**

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney recognized the service of board members Mr. Sean Taylor and Mr. John M. Sherrer, III, whose terms expired since the last meeting.

Mr. Kinney acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Elaine Harris who died in May of this year. Mrs. Harris was a board member from 2010 to 2014, served as the Mayor of the Town Pacolet, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the National Register of Historic Places and historic preservation in her community.

**Election of Vice-Chairman**

After the expired term of Vice-chairman John M. Sherrer, III, the board needed to elect a new vice-chairman. Mr. Kinney called for nominations from the board. Dr. Lee nominated Mr. Adam Emrick. There being no other nominations, Mr. Kinney called for a vote on the nomination. The board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Emrick as Vice-chairman.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2014, were distributed to the members by mail (or e-mail) in the members' packets. Mr. Emrick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

## Remarks

Mr. Kinney then introduced Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Mrs. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. Mrs. Johnson also introduced the National Register staff present: Mr. Brad Sauls, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Dr. Ehren K. Foley. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. Dan Elswick, and Mrs. Morgan Jones-King.

## Consideration of Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Apalache Mill (Greer vicinity, Spartanburg County)** was presented by Mr. Dale Goodrich, owner of the property and preparer of the nomination. Mr. Goodrich provided information about the history of this textile mill facility, described the features of the property, provided copies of several letters of support from the community, and addressed concerns previously expressed to him by SHPO staff regarding the eligibility of the property. Following Mr. Goodrich's presentation, Andrew Chandler of the SHPO staff gave remarks summarizing previous evaluations of the property by staff from 2011 to the present. The Board was provided with copies of written SHPO staff comments on preliminary National Register evaluations and on a preliminary Part 1 federal tax incentive application submitted by Mr. Goodrich. In all the evaluation comments, the SHPO staff opinion was that the property was not eligible for the National Register due to the cumulative effect of alterations. Mr. Chandler further stated that the nomination was being brought before the Board because it was an available administrative option for the owner to pursue after denial of the preliminary Part 1 federal tax incentive application. Mr. Emrick asked Mr. Chandler what made the difference for staff in evaluating this property against other textile mills that have been successfully nominated with alterations. Mr. Chandler referred again to the correspondence between SHPO staff and the owner and the list of various alterations to the mill and that the cumulative effect of these alterations led to the staff opinion that there was insufficient overall integrity for the property to be listed. Dr. Brown, Dr. Venters, and Mr. Emrick all noted the good integrity of the dam and lake as a contributing feature of the property. Dr. Venters also noted the documented community support for the nomination and that he would prefer the "Secretary" [referring to the Keeper of the National Register] to say "No" rather than Board. Dr. Brown stated her opinion that it was difficult not to approve this nomination given the many other textile mills that have been approved in South Carolina. Dr. Brown moved to

approve the nomination at the local level of significance, with a second by Dr. Venters. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Greenville Elks Lodge (Greenville, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Marcus Pollard of Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Kinney asked if the building was still in use as an Elks Lodge. Mr. Pollard replied that the Elks had not used it since the 1970s. Mr. Kinney asked about future plans for the building. Mr. Pollard replied that the owners plan to rehabilitate for office space. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Emrick. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**3. Huger-Maybank House (Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by Ms. Brittany Lavelle Tulla of Charleston. Dr. Brown asked for more information regarding Ms. Lavelle Tulla's comment that this property was among the earliest examples of the Italian Villa style single house in Charleston. Ms. Lavelle Tulla replied that this house dates to 1857 and that there is another example on the Battery from 1853, but most examples of the style in Charleston occur after the Civil War. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance for architecture and at the state level of significance for association with political career of Burnet R. Maybank who lived here while serving as Mayor of Charleston, Governor of South Carolina, and US Senator from South Carolina. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**4. St. James the Greater Mission (Walterboro vicinity, Colleton County)** was presented by Dr. Ehren Foley, SHPO staff historian, on behalf of the preparer, Diana Garnett, a student in the Public History graduate program at the University of South Carolina. The current priest and three members of the parish were present in support of the nomination. Dr. Brown asked if any of the visitors from the parish were graduates of the school that is a contributing property in this nomination and if the school charged tuition. One of the visitors was a former student and she indicated that the school was free to attend. Dr. Robert Weyeneth, faculty member in the Public History program at the University of South Carolina, spoke to recognize the author of the nomination who was present and to mention that her M.A. thesis was on the subject of this church and its unique history. Dr. Brown made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. Mr. Emrick seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

**5. James A. Fulmer House (Fountain Inn, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer, Dr. Eric Plaag of Boone, North Carolina. Mr. Henry Fulmer, grandson of James A. Fulmer and current owner of the house, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Eddie Case, City Manager for the City of Fountain Inn spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Brown stated the nomination put the significance of the property in the context of Tudor Revival in Fountain Inn and asked about the statewide significance of the style. Dr. Plaag said that the Tudor Revival style was very popular throughout the state but that this nomination makes a case for the property as the best example of the style in the context of Fountain Inn. Mr. Chandler mentioned that there was increasing interest from architectural historians

in the state about finding and documenting examples of work by Georgia architect Leila Ross Wilburn in South Carolina [the Fulmer House design was inspired by Wilburn plans purchased by James A. Fulmer]. Dr. Plaag said it may be the first property nominated individually in South Carolina with a connection to Wilburn. Mr. Henry Fulmer and Dr. Plaag both noted that the family preserved a great documentary record of information about the construction of the house, design inspiration, and information about the builder. Dr. Venters made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 PM for a lunch break.

The Board resumed the meeting at 1:39 PM.

**6. Sinclair Service Station (Ridgeland, Jasper County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Sarah Ward of Savannah, Georgia. The Sinclair Service Station is currently owned by the Daniel O. Morris South Carolina Lowcountry Heritage Trust which operates the Morris Lowcountry Heritage Center in the building. Ms. Anne Marie Riley spoke on behalf of the owner in support of the nomination. Ms. Riley added that a garage door had been installed in its historic location and that the garage space was now furnished as a gallery. Mr. Emrick moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

**7. Alta Vista-Camp Fornance-Newman Park (Earlewood) (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by Ms. Kayla Boyer Halberg, preparer of the nomination. Mr. Fred Monk, vice president of the Earlewood neighborhood association spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Robert Weyeneth asked Ms. Halberg if the nomination research revealed any documentation of racial exclusion. Ms. Halberg said the research indicated it was primarily a white working class neighborhood but there was an African-American neighborhood adjacent to Earlewood known as Black Bottom. Dr. Weyeneth said that deed restrictions were the primary means of racial exclusion. Dr. Brown asked if there were comparable African-American subdivisions during the same period that Earlewood developed. Mr. John Sherrer of Historic Columbia Foundation answered that Waverly and Lower Waverly were prominent African-American neighborhoods in Columbia but most racially divided subdivisions appear after World War II. Dr. Brown moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. Dr. Venters seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

**8. DeBruhl-Marshall House (Additional Documentation) (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by Ms. Kayla Boyer Halberg, one a group of students in the Public History program at the University of South Carolina that prepared the nomination. The DeBruhl-Marshall House was listed in the National Register in 1972. This nomination provides additional information and adds areas of significance in Social History and Conservation. The house was recently purchased at auction by Ms. Wanda Gale Breedlove and she spoke in support of the additional documentation nomination. Dr. Lee moved to approve the additional

documentation. Mr. Emrick seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

9. **Converse Mill (Converse, Spartanburg County)** was presented and prepared by Caroline Dover Wilson, private consultant of Greer, South Carolina. Ms. Wilson said that the property was under contract by a developer that planned to rehabilitate the mill for condominiums. Dr. Brown moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. Dr. Venters seconded the motion. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The fall 2015 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2015.

The spring 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016.

The summer 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.